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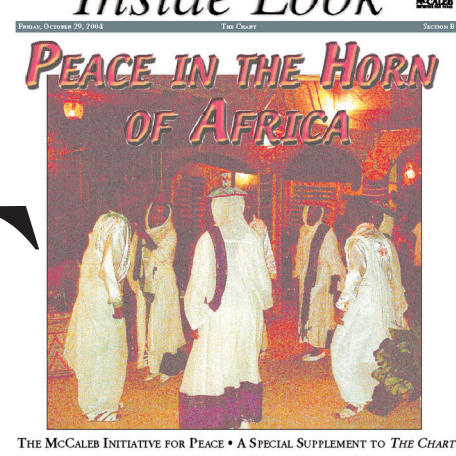


# Poor support hampers athletes' performance

By Monique Jamerson
Public Forum Editor

School spirit is what motivates athletes to play hard. When the spirit is lacking, the number of wins may take a nose-dive.

Athletes say they look forward to their school backing them, which can better the games' results.

"We don't have enough school spirit at Missouri Southern," said DeWann Farris, senior criminal justice major. "I mean you can never have too much."

Farris said when players have their school behind them 100 percent, it can make a difference in the overall turnout.

"It not only helps us do better, but it makes the game more exciting," Farris said. "If more people respect what we do, professors and students, then I believe it will show in our games."

Nick Vandyke, senior history major and a member of Gang Green, said school spirit has been suppressed due to rules that Sallie Beard, athletic director, has enforced.

"Beard told members of Gang Green that they could no longer do specific cheers in the crowds," Vandyke said. "This is a problem because it is left up to us to help promote the school's spirit."

He said this problem along with others decrease student participation.

"When non-students outnumber the student population at a home-game, it in so many ways kills the student's morale," Vandyke said.

Southern has been known for its athletic program but one student feels like her sport has not only received a small amount of student support but has not received recognition.

Daneé Jones, senior accounting major said the school spirit at Southern is mediocre.

Jones is a member of the track and field team.

"I feel that the only sports that get support are football and basketball because they bring in more money," Jones said.

She said she takes into account that people have families so it's difficult for them to come to the home games.

"We won the MIAA indoor conference championship in 2004, and it seemed as though no one knew about it," she said. "That should have been publicized everywhere."

Jones said if no one knows about the

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Adam Fast/The Chart

**Barry Linduff, left, Jordan Wilkerson and Jared Garren saw Green Day in concert in Dallas. Wilkerson went on stage to play with the band, and lead singer Billy Joe Armstrong told him to keep the guitar.**

# Late arrivers pick up Green Day guitar

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

After fighting his way through to the front of the crowd, getting lost around the Dallas-Forth Worth International Airport and nearly missing his ticket to the concert, Jordan Wilkerson's night was made.

He got to play on stage with Green Day.

Wilkerson, 22, Joplin, has missed four Green Day concerts before the one at the Fort Worth Convention Center Oct. 19.

"It was awesome," Wilkerson said. "There were 20-25,000 people there."

Wilkerson went with three other Green Day fans.

Jared Garren, freshman political science major, drove down and was in charge of getting the tickets.

The tickets were for the ground floor and cost $50 a piece.

Garren did not expect Wilkerson to get on stage. At every concert fans are chosen to join the band on stage and play their instruments for them.

"It made the night even better," he said.

Barry Linduff, senior graphic design major and contributing cartoonist for *The Chart*, also went.

Josh Magnun, 22, Joplin, also went with the group.

They each said they thought they would never make it to the concert.

"When we left town, we swung by the post office to pick up the tickets," Garren said.

The tickets were bought in two sets, but the second set did not come until the day they departed to leave.

*"When I got on stage, I ran over and hugged [Armstrong]. He grabbed me and gave me a full-mouth kiss."*

**Jordan Wilkerson**
*Joplin resident*

On the way to Texas, the group was stopped for speeding.

Then, the group stopped for directions to the airport, but were sent the wrong way.

"The map was like one you get at Silver Dollar City," Linduff said.

In total, the group arrived at the concert more than one hour and 45 minutes late.

When they arrived, Wilkerson said he tried to make his way to the front.

"I thought he was crazy," Garren said. "You have to fight your way through the crowd."

The group made its way to the front, when they saw Billy Joe Armstrong, lead singer for Green Day up on the catwalk.

Linduff, Garren, Magnun and Wilkerson started shouting as Armstrong searched the crowd for fans to replace the group members on stage.

Linduff and Garren succeeded in getting Armstrong's attention.

"He pointed to me and said, 'Are you bad ass? How long have you been playing [the guitar],'" Wilkerson said.

Wilkerson responded that he had played for six years.

Armstrong told him to come on stage.

"When I got on stage, I ran over and hugged him," Wilkerson said. "He grabbed me and gave me a full-mouth kiss."

Armstrong gave Wilkerson a guitar and told him to play.

The song was, "Knowledge."

When the song was over, Wilkerson offered the guitar back, but Armstrong did not want it.

"Billy Joe said, 'It's yours now, you get to keep it,'" Wilkerson said.

Wilkerson's friends said they were surprised at the events.

"It was almost unbelievable," Garren said.

After Wilkerson left the stage, he was escorted to the middle of the crowd where people asked him for the guitar.

Wilkerson said as he made his way back up front, the crowd parted and allowed him to freely walk to the front.

After the concert, the group had to have a police escort through the back of the convention center because of the guitar.

Wilkerson has plans for his new possession.

"I'm going to play it," he said.

Wilkerson and Garren are in the local band Macon.

# Students seek to add to equal opportunity

By T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

Some students have become concerned with Missouri Southern's Equal Opportunity Clause.

The clause does not currently include any specification for sexual orientation.

Jason Hare, junior Spanish major and president of B-Glad, said a member of the Student Senate came to him and requested Hare to propose this addition to the clause at the Nov. 3 Senate meeting.

Hare said Pittsburg State University and all four University of Missouri campuses already have sexual orientation included in their Equal Opportunity Clauses. He said people at Southwest Missouri State University have been fighting for this for many years as well.

"Last year Jimmy Noriega, who is a member of Student Senate, brought this up to Dr. León whenever he came to his annual meeting with the Student Senate," Hare said. "Jimmy said, 'Should we not add sexual orientation to the Equal Opportunity Clause?'"

Hare said University President Julio León said if that privilege was granted, other groups would come and demand their rights as well.

Hare said León did not specify which other groups, but "threw the question off."

"His (León's) idea saying all these other groups would want protection, well most of them do," said David Torres, senior accounting major. "All those are written in already. So I guess the case could be said if we're really going to do this on an equal basis then we should drop all said discrimination lines and just say no discrimination period."

Hare will present this idea at the Nov. 3 Senate meeting because León is tentatively scheduled to attend the meeting.

"We're not saying that there is discrimination against gays," Hare said. "What we're

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# Board looks to examine rec center, east stands

By T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in Chief

Although student representative and Student Senate president Eric Ducommun was not in attendance, the Missouri Southern Board of Governors still discussed a Senate resolution proposed to the Board.

The resolution encouraged the Governors not leave the proposed recreation center on hold too long.

"The Student Senate has continued to support this project," said Dwight Douglas, Board president. "The students are clearly in favor of it."

Other Governors agree.

"This is an issue that is very important to our students," said Dr. Douglas Brooks, Governor.

University President Julio León said there are two main questions concerning the rec center. The first considers what kind of facility is needed and what will it cost, and the other question is, "What will the cost to students be?"

Dr. Charles McGinty, Governor, said Southern still has the lowest student fees in the state.

"There's a lot of room for us get up to the bottom," he said.

The Board decided to look into the project by touring similar facilities at Crowder College in Neosho, the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and at the University of Tulsa. The tours will allow the Board to come up with ideas for what would be in tune with Southern's needs. All Governors were asked to attend the tours of the other campuses.

Douglas said the tours and a look at what type of facility the University can afford are needed before any decisions can be made.

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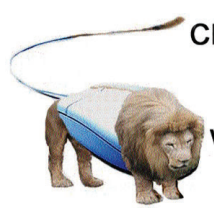

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Question of the week:
What are you doing for Halloween?

# Student Senate greets new face

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

Student Senate filled one of four empty seats during its Oct. 27 meeting.

Iulia Nastasa will be a freshman senator.

She is from Romania and said the Senate will give her a sense of how American parliamentary procedure works.

"I was really confused when I got here," Nastasa said.

The meeting lasted less than a half hour because of fewer announcements and only one appropriation.

The Kinesiology Club presented its request after the Senate tabled the appropriation during the Oct. 20 meeting.

Eric Ducommun
Student Senate President

The appropriation was first tabled because of a lack of information in the request.

This time, however, the club presented more information to aid the senators in making their decisions.

"I appreciate how the club said their event will benefit the campus," said Eric Ducommun, Senate president.

Ducommun said the details for benefiting the campus are important for all organizations making requests.

"We look favorably on that," he said.

Also, the request forms will be changed to reflect how the organizations will benefit the campus.

The Kinesiology Club received $800 based on the finance committee's recommendation.

Amber Hemphill, Senate secretary, also brought up the progress of the bridge colors. She said she spoke with Bob Harrington, director of the physical plant, to see if the colors could be changed.

He had to ask University President Julio León about the change, but León said he had to think about the issue.

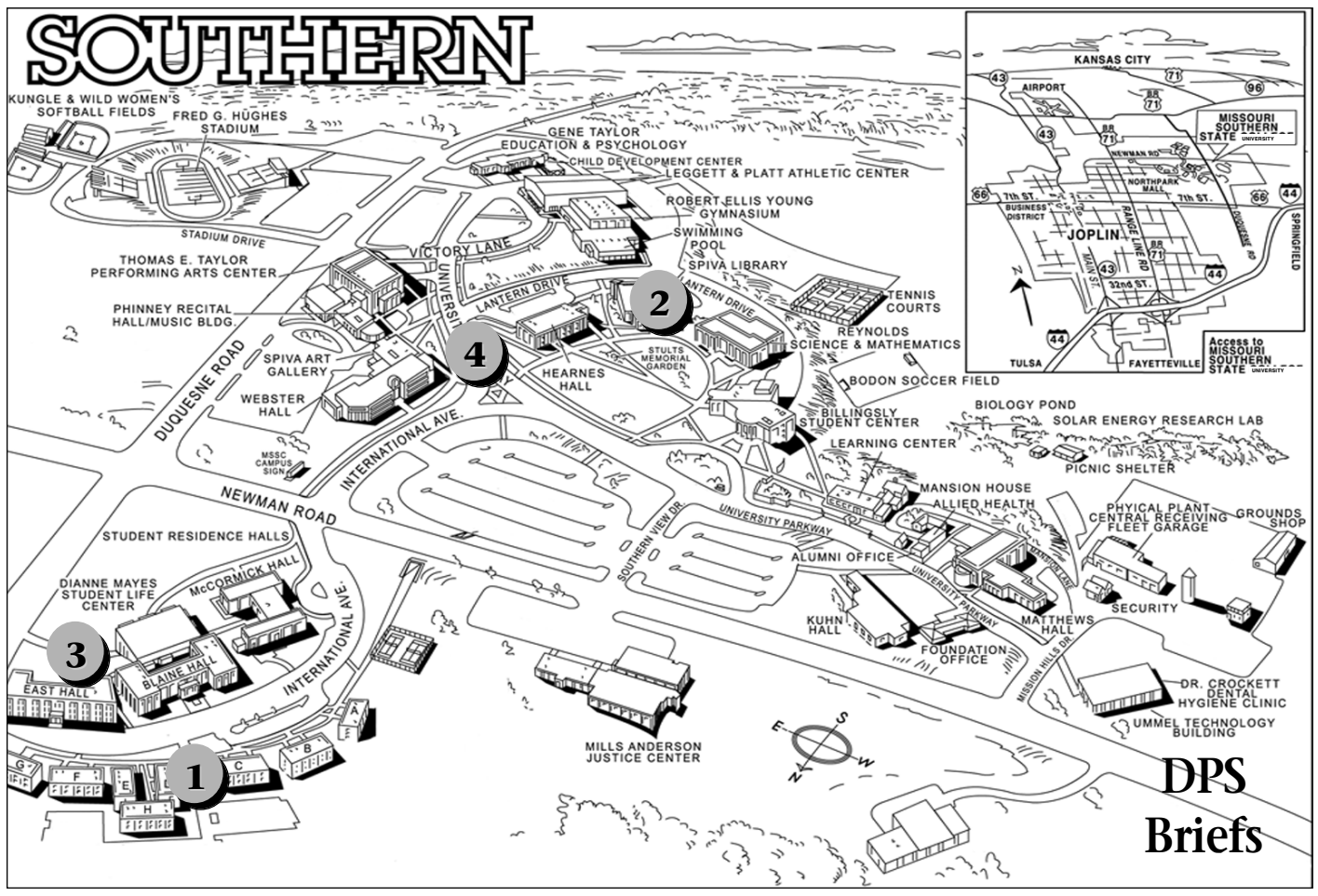
Other issues which came up during the meeting were parking for theater students who must stay late for production nights, but cannot park in the Lionbacker parking lot across the street from Taylor Performing Arts Center.

The Senate Casino Night is also planned for the second Wednesday in November, but because of a possible change in the Senate's schedule, the Casino Night may be moved. León's scheduled meeting with Senate may change dates, but senators will know for sure by Friday.

Adam Griffin, Senate advisor, said the Casino Night change is tentative, but senators should prepare for it anyway.

The Senate ended the meeting with a budget of $9,305 after the appropriations during the meeting.

If León can make it to the original date, the president-Senate meeting will be Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the House of the Lords in the Billingsly Student Center.




DPS Briefs

# Gun barrel seen in back of vehicle

**1 Harassment**

10/21/2004

10:00 a.m.

A student contacted the Department of Public Safety in regard to a phone call made during the night.

The student said a male subject called the student's apartment and asked for the student's roommate. The student told the subject the roommate was sleeping, but the subject proceeded to make rude comments.

The student unplugged the phone, but said the incident was not the first.

**2 Suspicious Activity**

10/21/2004

5:00 p.m.

A DPS officer was called to Spiva Library in reference to a male subject viewing pornography on the computers.

The subject had been warned about the behavior before, and was told not to come back on campus.

**3 Weapons violation**

10/23/2004

6:00 p.m.

A DPS officer noticed a black vehicle driving through a stop sign at a high rate of speed.

The officer proceeded to follow the subject through lots 25 and 44 without stopping for stop signs. The officer had the emergency lights on, but the subject did not yield to them.The pursuit ended when the subject drove onto Duequesne Road

About a half an hour later, the officer found the vehicle on campus. A compound bow and a gun barrel were seen in the vehicle.

The officer issued a citation.

**4 Domestic Violence**

10/25/2004

1:25 p.m.

DPS was contacted after a subject violated an *ex parte*.

JPD was contacted with a witness statement.

The subject who violated the *ex parte* approached the other party outside of Webster Hall. The second party walked toward Hearnes Hall, but the subject grabbed the second party. The second party walked away after the subject released her.

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## Correction:

In the Oct. 22 issue on page 3, the Hand-in-Hand mental illness awareness club does not meet on Fridays at 2 p.m. The Bi-polar Bear lunch is on Nov.18, not Nov. 11. Also, fees are $5, plus and additional $3 fee for NAMI in Joplin.

# Campus Calendar

To place your event or announcement, contact *The Chart* at 625-9311 or chart@mssu.edu

## Alumni Association members set out for canned food drive

The Student Alumni Association will be holding a canned good drive starting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Members will wear SAA shirts during the drive. They will go to neighborhoods near the Missouri Southern campus and "trick-or--treat" for canned goods.

The canned goods will be donated to the Soul's Harbor Mission in Joplin.

For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 625-9355.

## *Winged Lion* accepting works for placement its in next publication

The *Winged Lion* is taking applications for poetry, drama, prose and fiction.

The applications may be picked up outside of Hearnes Hall Room 300.

Applicants may not submit more than five works. Each work must be limited to no more than 1,000 words.

Each applicant must submit his or her name, phone number, email address and title of the work. Personal information on the work is not allowed. One form must be submitted per work and forms must be paperclipped to the front of the work.

Forms and works must be submitted by Nov. 30 to Dr. Jude Meche's mailbox in Hearnes Hall Room 300.

## Memorial Hall allows children to create art from literature

Children's books, including those by Dr. Seuss, will be read at 10 a.m. every Wednsday between Nov. 3 to Nov. 24 at Joplim Memorial Hall.

Participants will create works of art based on the books and stories. The event is for children ages 2-4 years old. There is a fee of $16. For more information, call 623-3254.

## International Club dance party awaits masquerading students

The International Club is sponsoring the annual *La Boum* masquerade dance. The dance will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5 in Connor Ballroom. Cheap masks will be on sale for participants. The masks can be painted before the dance and there will be a limbo contest during the evening. Tickets are available from club members and cost $3 in advance and $4 at the door.

## Veteren's Day activities planned with guest speaker Gary Nodler

The annual Joplin Veteren's Day Parade theme for 2004 is, "Pray for our Troops."

An awards ceremony will be held after the parade at 10 a.m. Nov. 6 at Memorial Hall with guest speaker Senator Gary Nodler.

For more information, call 624-0378.

## Organization to watch television during nightly electoral process

The Students for American Truth organization is having an election watch party at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Life Center television lounge. All students are welcome to attend.

## Registrar's office makes course catalogs available Monday

Course catalogs will be available for the spring semester on Monday.

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**Astronaut Janet Kavandi lectures to students in Webster Hall Oct. 21. Kavandi presented pictures and video taken from space.**

# Astronaut blasts onto campus

**By David Haut**
Managing Editor

Astronaut Janet Kavandi has gone further than any other Missouri Southern graduate.

How far? About 13.1 million miles, that's how far.

On Oct. 21, Kavandi spoke to a crowd of children, students and faculty in Webster Hall auditorium, discussing things such as weightlessness and space food while presenting slides and video from two of her missions into space.

"I thought her presentation was really good," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

Blackford said she was disappointed in the small turnout.

"The student's missed out a lot," Blackford said. "I thought faculty would bring more students."

Kavandi graduated valedictorian of Carthage High School, earning her a presidential scholarship to Southern.

After earning her degree in three years, she headed to graduate school, eventually earning her Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Washington-Seattle.

During her graduate studies, she applied to NASA.

"When the shuttle program began, and they were taking scientists and females for the first time, I decided that's what I would try to become," Kavandi said.

> *"Emotionally, the most difficult part is saying 'goodbye' to your kids before a launch."*
>
> **Janet Kavandi**
> *Astronaut and Southern Alumna*

When she heard she was accepted as an astronaut candidate, she was literally speechless.

Kavandi said she called her husband to tell him the news, but when she tried to talk, no words came out -- she was that excited.

Since then, Kavandi has flown on three missions, spending more than 33 days in space, orbiting the earth 535 times.

Kavandi met her husband, John, at Southern. The two reside in Houston with their two children.

Her family is what inspires her to do what she loves.

"My kids inspire me to be a good role model for them," she said. "I want to inspire my own children.

"Emotionally, the most difficult part is saying 'goodbye' to your kids before a launch," she said. "That's the most difficult part for me."

She said her children are used to the fact their mom is a 'world traveler.'

"My kids have grown up with it," she said. "This is all they know. They didn't realize, when they were little that not everyone's parents did something like this. Now they're starting understand a little more, how unique it is."

Kavandi stressed that anyone could be where she is with hard work and determination.

She said astronauts at NASA are not extraordinary people or special in any way.

"We're ordinary people," she said. "Ordinary people who work hard."

Kavandi hopes to fly again in the future. Currently, she's not scheduled to fly another mission, but she said she would like to fly again.

As for retirement, Kavandi does not plan on leaving NASA anytime soon.

"I'll stay as long as they'll keep me," she said.




# Hall welcomes trick-or-treaters

**By Noelle Ott**
Staff Writer

Twenty thousand pieces of candy is enough to make any child squeal with delight.

With Halloween around the corner, the residents of McCormick Hall have been busy setting up for Safe Halloween.

Safe Halloween has been in effect for more than 15 years.

For these past years, children in the sixth grade and under have come to McCormick Hall to receive free candy from resident hall students.

Last year, more than 275 children came and the residents handed out two pieces of candy to each child.

However, the children aren't the only ones to enjoy Safe Halloween.

"It makes everyone excited," said Carla Fairbanks, resident director of McCormick Hall

This year the McCormick residents are decorating their halls with different themes like a "CSI" scene, a graveyard, a basic Halloween theme and Candyland. They are also able to dress up in costumes of their choice.

"It's better to have a happy atmosphere," Fairbanks said.

Amanda Ince, junior middle school education major, led children through the halls last year and this year she plans to participate in Safe Halloween once more.

She said she has enjoyed the excitement, as well as getting to don a Halloween costume.

Although the residents enjoy Safe Halloween, they must start to prepare weeks before.

The staff assistants for McCormick Hall started to sign up volunteers on Oct. 1. There has also been plenty of behind-the-scenes work for those involved such as obtaining the candy and getting the event in the local newspapers.

Some consider that the hard work worth the reward.

When 6 p.m. arrives, Fairbanks said the children and their parents will be lined up out to the parking lot and the residents will be steadily giving out candy all night long.

Each child gets an average of 60 pieces of candy for 20 minutes of the parents' time.

"It's a convenience thing for the kids," Fairbanks said.

The idea of Safe Halloween has also been passed on to Pittsburg State University and has spread around to different areas.

Fairbanks credited its success to a variety of factors.

"It's fast, and it's free," Fairbanks said.

Students at Southern who have children are encouraged to bring them to McCormick this Sunday night.

For more information, students may call the Student Activities office at 417-625-9346.

Adam Fast/The Chart

**Dr. Jeffrey Macomber demonstrates mbiroa, an African thumb piano used in the upcoming class.**

# World Music joins schedule

**By Kathleen Cunningham**
Staff Writer

World music is a new class for the spring 2005 core curriculum.

The class, unlike music appreciation, looks at music from genres such as Western African drum music to Russian folk music.

"Spring semester 2005 is the first time this class will be offered," said Dr. Phillip Wise, music department head. "It is in the core curriculum in the course catalog under areas 2A and 2C."

The class will have music study that will correspond with the international mission of the current semester.

World Music covers music genres ranging from Native American music and Latin American music from South American music to Carribean music.

It will also cover music from such countries as Korea, Japan and China.

Wise said the class offers a global view of music.

He said the class will not focus on only music but culture as well.

"We ordered and received some musical instruments from these different countries," Wise said. "Students can see and play on African drums and bamboo flutes; instruments not used in band."

He said the class was welcome in the department.

"The music department is pleased to offer a class that fits so well into the philosophy of the University," he said.

The course will be offered alongside the music appreciation class.

"World Music is a new addition to the core curriculum at Southern," said Dr. Jeffrey

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THE CURRENT STATE OF MISSOURI SOUTHERN FANS:
WOOOHOOOO... WHAT'S THE SCORE? HOW ARE THEY DOING?
UM...THIS IS A FUNERAL! I CAN SEE HOW YOU WOULD MISTAKE THE TWO... THE CROWDS ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL.
MSSU
SCHOOL SPIRIT
GANG GREEN
Barry Lindyff II

# Students fall short on spirit

## Chart Opinion

Missouri Southern's school spirit has fallen faster than a person can say, "stand up and shout."

So, what is the reason for this?

Is it that we don't have "winning teams?"

There are plenty of schools out there with much worse records who proudly display their school colors on game day. It's sad to say that area high schools put our University to shame.

Some students say they have to work; others say they have better things to do.

What do we have to do to get people to our games?

Attendance has been up at the football games this semester. But it has fallen. Our lack of school spirit affects us as a university. Students are missing out on a great part of college life.

Why wouldn't anyone want to go hang out with his or her friends at a football game for an hour or two?

Oh yeah, they've got better things to do. We've gone to great lengths to get students to games.

We've created "school spirit" squads; we've had contests, and incentives and we've even offered students money, which has yet to be claimed.

The University plans to have 10,000 students enrolled eventually. This will not happen if the current students cannot help out and build some quality traditions, such as attending the sporting events.

Have some pride in the University; alumni do it, but you do not have to be an alumni before you can start being supportive of the University. Stand up for our school. What do we have to lose? Football games?

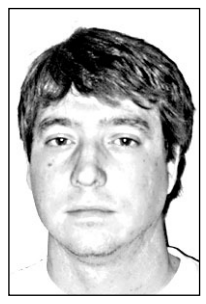
## Campus Voice

By Monique Jamerson

# Does school spirit affect teams' performance?

"School spirit is what gives the players their motivation."

**Jared Lightle**
Freshman
Accounting
Major



"The higher the turnout we have for a game, the more it affects the morale of the team, which in turn can positively influence the way the players play."

**Jason Begey**
Junior
Radiology
Major

"If the school comes to the games and is really enthusiastic, then of course you're going to play better."

**Kady Chandler**
Freshman
Nursing
Major

"Lack of school spirit makes it worse for the team. If you don't have your school backing you, then you don't play as well."

**Kara Burtrum**
Freshman
General Business
Major

"I think a school spirit helps out a lot. It's more fun when there are a lot of fans at the games."

**Noah Harding**
Freshman
Undecided
Major

## Editor's Column

# Homeward bound editor says farewell to Southern living

Being my first semester at Missouri Southern, I have noticed many things I have never encountered before. After being born in California, lived in North Idaho for nine years then moving to Las Vegas this past summer with my family, I have only had experience with western culture.

**Chris Heinrich**
International Editor

Many wouldn't think that there is a big culture difference between the West Coast, Midwest and East Coast, but there is. For instance, I have never been surrounded by people who pray before eating lunch or clerks at Wal-Mart leading into conversation. People are friendly in this area, but for me, haven't seemed very welcoming.

The main thing I have been introduced to is instructors with their Ph.D. At my college in Idaho, there were only a handful of doctors, but for some reason, were more laid back than what I have noticed here. Those who I have carefully observed at Southern who have their doctorates seem to be hiding something. They keep away from students, lecture on an issue then quickly dismiss class, and we are on our separate ways. I'm not sure if it is the Midwest or if it is the (what seems to be) isolation of Joplin. Ideas are limited here. Thoughts are shut down. Differences are not discussed.

I have enjoyed my stay while I've been here, but I have decided that it is time for me to go back to Vegas. I have heard the word "no" too many times, so I would rather go somewhere I am able to share my ideas and things can actually change instead of being the same. At Southern there are too many "higher-ups;" too many people to shutdown a suggestion. Nothing different will ever happen if this continues to occur. Nothing new, nothing interesting, nothing exciting.

Southern offered me many things when I came here: a position as the International Editor on *The Chart*, a trip to Croatia, and an opportunity to be State Editor in the spring. This is what I wanted before I came here. My goal is to be a foreign correspondent, and I was given that opportunity at a school that has a great international program. But I am not happy. I am not happy with the area, the school, its faculty and administration, and frankly, with the newspaper. Everybody has been great. Everybody has helped me, but I have not transitioned the way I wish I could have. I have not changed the things I think need changing.

After two days of living in Joplin, the Democratic Headquarters opened their doors to me, welcomed me and even gave me keys to the building. I thought I found a great group of people that I could easily befriend, but school overtook that chance. I had to go in and tell them I could no longer help out. If I wasn't at school, I was at home reading or writing something that I have absolutely no interest in.

I felt for a long there was something wrong with me. I could not concentrate, nothing was sinking in and I had no pride or satisfaction for anything I was doing.

After making the decision to leave, I now realize it isn't me. I have tried to bring new ideas to my endeavors, but no interest is shown.

I have tried to give my best to my schoolwork and *The Chart*, but it doesn't to seem good enough. No time exists for anything else. But, before I say goodbye, I will continue to give my best to my work, the newspaper and this school.

Thank you to those who have given me opportunities I would have not had anywhere else.

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## In Perspective

# Wonderful path traveled by critical thinkers calls to all accross campus

A wonderful path across our campus calls to us everyday. When you hear the alluring invitation to travel this route, be prepared to spend time in concentrated thought. The requisite effort will be similar to a sprint down the football field. The required discipline will exceed the rigor of a marathon training schedule.

**Dr. Richard McCallum**
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You will not complete the distance of this daily journey without a self-motivated, enduring aspiration to excel. A comprehensive set of attitudes are necessary as standard equipment for this trip and like a turbo charged V-8 engine with a bad spark plug, one malfunctioning "attitude" will jeopardize your efficiency and performance. The north and south avenues are covered with unexpected stops and deep potholes. The east and west boulevards are known for their steep hills and sharp curves. A blueprint for this route advises us to proceed with caution while developing cognitive habits and specific mental skills. At first glance, a jet stream of resistance makes this road appear difficult, undesirable and uninviting. It is, therefore, frequently less traveled. A large sign clearly marks the start line: "This is the path traveled by a critical thinker."

Long after your graduation diploma has been framed and the commencement music has faded from your memory, you will find the quality of your life enriched if you take the opportunity while you are a student to develop the habits of an inquiring mind. The knowledge, attitudes, skills and aspirations of reflective thinking can be learned and used not only during your days on campus but also throughout the years of your adult life. Critical thinking attributes will enhance your personal decision making process. This thought process, moreover, will be the expected norm as you pursue your professional career.

What is critical thinking? Do a Google search and you will discover multiple explanations. While definitions abound, an emerging consensus suggests each individual is capable of generating three major levels of thought. This range of intensity, sometimes referred to as an order of thought hierarchy or taxonomy, can be visually depicted as a continuum that moves from left to right with low, medium and high benchmarks. Some authors, however, prefer to illustrate these three levels of intensity as a ladder or a Venn diagram. Regardless of the visual image, these varying ranges of thought are available as we process information and make daily decisions.

The low range, generally, is our comfort zone as we complete our routines, conduct casual conversations and memorize facts. This is the zone where we become aware of ideas we may never use. It is the primary arena for many entertainment activities such as the movies, television, games and commercials.

The medium range becomes more challenging. Some discomfort may be experienced but usually we move into this level of thought with confidence and familiarity. We think in holistic patterns rather than individual pieces. Since the basics have been conquered, we apply content within context. This is the level of thought that generates successful book reports, summary essays and winning debate teams. We also have fun in this range because many hobbies and work related challenges take us into this level of thought and the process can be enjoyable.

The high range belongs to the analytical, reflective thinker. Proceed with caution as you move beyond your comfort zone. This thought process is the "aerobic heartbeat of thinking." In this range, you mix and match new content with an

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# Church tries for revival

## Russian Orthodoxy attempts return to society

By Chris Heinrich
International Editor

On Oct. 25, Dr. Jennifer Wynot lectured Missouri Southern on religion after the communist era.

Her lecture, "Religion After Communism: The Status of the Russian Orthodox Church in Post-Communist Russia" focused on how the Orthodox Church is trying to make a come back with Russia's society.

Property holdings were a main theme in her opening. She told the audience how during the Bolshevik regime, land was taken from religious organizations and either given to neighboring villagers or to the state.

"The return of Church property is still being fought over in the court system," she said.

Problems remain to be solved if the Church wants to continue its revival, she said. The Orthodox Church needs to reestablish legitimacy to the Russian people.

Monks who are trying to regain land claims have to compensate the villagers for their land.

On Sept. 24, Russian Parliament passed a law to make land disputes easier to decide. Land is being transferred without cost to religious organizations for as long as they are in progress. They are getting free rent but no ownership, she said.

Baptist, Jehovah Witness and Mormon missionaries are being sent into Russia. Some Russians say these religions are a "pure form of Christianity." Others say they are a threat, she said.

In September 1997, Parliament prohibited religions from practicing if they were not active in Russia's past. Four religions remain as nationally recognized: Islam, Orthodoxy, Buddhism and Judaism.

"The Church is trying to come to terms with it's Soviet past," she said.

She said many people have suspected leaders of the Church of being KGB informants. When Patriarch Alexei II, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, did not affirm nor deny this claim, people lost faith in the Church.

Reconciliation between the in-state and overseas churches has been attempted. Once the Iron Curtain fell, they were supposed to be united, but each church believes the other is illegitimate.

"Many feel the Church is being used by the state as a propaganda tool," she said.

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Adam Fast/The Chart

**Dr. Jennifer Wynot speaks to Missouri Southern on the topic of the Orthodox Church in Russia. She discussed its relations with other religions and its attempts to have its status protected.**

# Chileans make visit to Southern

## Basketball team to take floor with four local universities

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

Basketball has become a sport played around the world.

The Missouri Southern men's basketball team will have a chance to play another team from another country Thursday. The men's basketball team from the Universidad de las Américas in Santiago, Chile will come to campus on Sunday and stay through Nov. 7.

"They will be busy nearly every day," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

The team will play four games against local university teams. The UDLA team will play Tuesday at the College of the Ozarks, Wednesday at Drury University and Nov. 6 at Southwest Baptist University.

The team will also go to an International Club dance called La Boum at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 in Connor Ballroom.

"We're very pleased to have them here," said Robert Corn, head men's basketball coach.

Stebbins said the experience will be the first time coming to the United States for many of the players.

"We hope it is a great experience," Corn said.

The Southern team has only been out of the country a few times in the past to the Bahamas and to Portugal. Corn said he would like to see the Southern team go to Chile in the future.

"Who wouldn't like to go to Santiago, Chile," he said.

The University has had an agreement with the UDLA since 1999. Several Southern students study at the institution during the fall semesters.

"This is an important event," Stebbins said. "It further strengthens the agreement we have with UDLA. It's a different type of cooperation."

Stebbins and Corn planned the event for several months during the summer and both said they hope the UDLA team enjoys its stay.

Corn said he also hopes the teams will get something from the experience.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity to play against a team from another country," Corn said. "It's a win-win situation."

He said the opportunity will allow team members on both sides to see how a team from a different country plays and reacts during a game. The teams will play an exhibition game. The game will be in Leggett & Platt on Thursday at 7 p.m.

## RUSSIA SEMESTER EVENTS

**Monday**

- "Having Guts to Disagree: Political and Cultural Dissent in the Soviet Union," 10 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium
- "Rituals of Everyday Life in the Soviet Union," 11 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

**Wednesday**

- "Transition from Command to Market Economy," 11 a.m., Cornell auditorium

**Friday**

- Warsaw Philharmonic with Olga Kern, Pianist, 7 p.m., Taylor Performing Arts Center, Admission: $20, $15, $10

**Nov. 8**

- "The Prospects for Russia's Evolution into a Western-Style Democracy," 10 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

**Nov. 8**

- Russian Film Festival, *Alexander Nevsky*, 7 p.m., Cornell Auditorium

**Nov. 10**

- "Doing Business in Russia and Eastern Europe," 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.

Admission: $10

# Bringing back Brazilian ways

## Silveira tells of life in South America, U.S.

By Chris Heinrich
International Editor

Life has been well for Marcus Vinicius Silveira. A five-year degree in computer science has led to Silveira in ownership of a computer store in his home country of Brazil.

He recently received his two-year Associate of Arts degree from Crowder College in business and is now working on his bachelor's in international business at Missouri Southern.

Silveira decided to attend Southern because of the international program.

"It makes our lives as international students very easy," he said.

His hometown of Teresina, Piaui makes room for its more than one million inhabitants. Being one hour from the coast and in a tropical area, Silveira and his friends were able to go swimming at anytime throughout the year.

Being a world traveler, Silveira has visited most of South America, England, France, Holland, Portugal and Spain.

"I think it's my nature [to travel]", he said.

He enjoyed Spain the most, especially liking its culture, art, and architecture.

"They're so friendly," he said. "They have fun."

Silveira speaks Italian, French, Portuguese, Spanish and English. He said this advantage will assist him when seeking a job.

He has a cousin in Tennessee, but most of his relatives still live in Brazil.

"It's kind of tough for them," he said on him living in the United States. "It's tough for me too."

He manages to return home once a year. This time he will be heading back for Christmas.

Choosing a school was not difficult for him. He has several friends who were attending Southern at the time he decided to move to the area. They already had homes, cars and a settled life, he said.

"There is no doubt the infrastructure here is so much better," he said.

Silveira started learning English at 8 years old. He attended a regular school during the morning then went to an English private school in the afternoon.

"There's a difference in having the knowledge and actually speaking," he said. "It's tough. It's a challenge; I would say it's a challenge."

One main difference he sees with Brazilian culture compared to American culture is in the food. He said that in Brazilian meals, rice is always served.

"Without rice, the meal is incomplete," he said.

In Brazil, all meals are eaten at home with the family; meals that require certain ingredients not found in the United States. When he goes back home, he brings back certain ingredients that cannot be found in this area.

After his stay at Southern, he intends to get a job in his international business career while working on a master's degree.

He wants to either move to Florida or Texas where he can obtain a job with a company that trades with South America.

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# Diversions

# Laughing out LOUD

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

**Tammy Pescatelli shows a few of her many faces during a visit to Missouri Southern and hour long routine Oct. 26. Pescatelli found fame after starring on the television show "Last Comic Standing."**

## First lady of funny cracks up campus

**By David Haut**
Managing Editor

Wearing a Campus Activities Board shirt, comedian Tammy Pescatelli took the stage on Oct. 26.

Drawing on events from her own life, including her travels, Halloween and her bad swearing habit, Pescatelli flooded Taylor Performing Art Center with her comic routine.

She also added bits about her time on the hit NBC series "Last Comic Standing.."

"They wanted me to be a funny Tony Soprano," Pescatelli said. "I'm like, 'he cuts off heads.'"

A Sicilian from Cleveland, she spoke about her family, from her twin uncles who looked "like a couple of Joe Pescis," to her father, a huge guy who wears a rainbow sweat-shirt.

"We got kicked out of Disneyland, the happiest place on earth," she said.

Pescatelli kept the audience laughing with jokes about Joplin and the area during her hour-long set.

Admission to the performance was free, with members of the Kappa Alpha fraternity taking donations for the United Way at the entrance.

The event brought in more than $800, all of which will be donated.

By quick thinking, CAB booked Pescatelli before she reached her current height of fame.

"This was like a needle in a haystack," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "We can't bring Chris Rock in."

Blackford estimated more than 900 people attended the event.

After her performance, Pescatelli stayed backstage to sign autographs and take pictures.

Aside from the celebrity stereotype, she was grateful to the students and members of the community who came out to support her.

Pescatelli wants to make people laugh about things in life and said being on-stage is what she loves the most.

"You have to find your voice," she said.

Pescatelli got her comic start at an open-mic night.

She said her brothers dared her to do it.

> *"We got kicked out of Disneyland, the happiest place on earth."*
>
> **Tammy Pescatelli**
> Comedian
> from
> "Last Comic Standing"

So, she put together an act, auditioned, performed and the rest is history.

Since then, Pescatelli has been a recurring guest on "The Bob and Tom Show," has been on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno and was the master of ceremonies at The Cleveland Improv.

As the master of ceremonies, Pescatelli worked with countless headlining comedians such as D.L. Hugley, George Lopez and Chris Rock.

She said she has worked with almost every big name one could think of.

She has traveled to Florida to entertain hurricane victims and went to Iraq and Kuwait to entertain troops where she said she gained new respect for the American troops.

A 10-year comic veteran, she is grateful for the time she spent on NBC and said the "Last Comic Standing" validates her career with the people who are the most important in her life.

By seeing what she went through, they opened their eyes to intricacies of her profession.

As for Pescatelli's future, she said she would like to do a television special or sitcom, but plans to tour with "Last Comic Standing" winner John Heffron while staying high profile.

Blackford said Pescatelli's success serves as positive reinforcement for future comedians.

"[With comedians] it's a fine line and she walked that line really well," Blackford said. "She was respectful of everyone, but still funny."

## Local costumer brings Halloween fun for adults

**James Marcum**
Staff Writer

Once a year, on Oct. 31, the paranormal becomes normal, the frightful becomes funny, and witches, ghouls, ghosts and even Elvis are commonplace.

A tradition started ages ago for children and young people from all walks of life to come together with one goal in mind — to scare neighbors and loved ones into giving up Halloween candy. In recent years however, the age bracket for Halloween harassment has become rather undefined, and many high school and college age people set out in search for the perfect Halloween costume.

For more than a decade a man named Jake Marettia has been supplying area costume shoppers of all ages with a wide selection of Halloween apparel. Every October Marettia, owner of Jake's Fireworks, opens Spooky Jake's, a Halloween costume, apparel and novelty store. In the past, Spooky Jake's has rented a spot in the Northpark Mall, however, this year they chose to use the Jake's Fireworks building on Main Street directly north of Trade-X.

Photo taken from buycostumes.com

**Comic book characters such as Spiderman, Catwoman and Space Ghost, are only one of this year's most popular adult Halloween costume trends.**

Wanda Moses, Spooky Jake's manager, has been working at the business for the past six years. Moses said she enjoys the job and the endless stream of people searching for unique costumes.

"It's fun to meet the people and watch them laugh and talk about the costumes," Moses said. "Every year is different, and we just hope that we carry the costumes that people want."

Spooky Jake's has hundreds of costumes for all sizes and ages. Costume designs include medieval maidens, renaissance era, hippies, prisoners, vampires, count and

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## Board takes breather after full week of activities, guest lectures

**By David Haut**
Managing Editor

After a week of space talk, ghost talk and funny talk, the Campus Activities Board met for a short meeting on Oct. 27.

Six students were in attendance for the meeting where they discussed the success of their three main events of the semester: Astronaut Janet Kavandi, ghost hunter John Zaffis and comedian Tammy Pescatilli.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said she plans on working next week on events for the spring semester.

Some CAB members spent time cleaning out pumpkins for Friday's pumpkin carving event. Carving will begin at 9 a.m. in the Billingsly Student Center. A costume contest will also take place at noon in the BSC.

In the works is a photo scavenger hunt, which boasts a first place prize of a $50 gift certificate to Applebee's, four movie passes and a snack basket.

Other prizes include gift certificates to IHOP and Dioko Coffee Co.

On Nov. 17, CAB is sponsoring a $1 burger day in which students can get a burger, chips and a drink for a dollar. Proceeds will be added to the $800 in donations collected during Pescatelli's performance. The proceeds will then go to the United Way.

CAB and Zimmer Radio are still sponsoring a cash giveaway during every Missouri Southern home football and basketball game. Currently, no one has been on hand to claim the pot. A pot of $600 is up for grabs at the Nov. 6 home football game. The game begins at 2 p.m. at Hughes Stadium.

CAB's members are preparing for the last third of the semester. The major event in the works for the rest of the semester is a karaoke night. The event will depend on whether or not a DJ can be booked. Also being sought is a movie night, but it is again on hold due to scheduling constraints. Grocery bingo and a holiday wrap party are also being scheduled for the current semester.

Anyone with ideas or interest in CAB is invited to attend the weekly meetings at 2 p.m. Wednesdays in the student activities office on the second floor the BSC.

# Funny Thing About Life...

**David Haut**

*Managing Editor*

People often ask me what I like about being a journalist.

"Is it because you get to write? Do you like it because you get to tell the truth and stand up for what is right? Do you like having your name in the paper?"

Yeah, but journalists usually do it for a different reason — they get to interview famous people.

I spent some time rubbing elbows with an astronaut, a ghost hunter and a comedian. Seriously. I made it a point to actually touch my elbow against theirs. Some of them then proceeded to touch their elbow against my kidney.

I asked them interesting questions like, "Do you kill ghosts with a spear?" and "What is it like in space?"

Unfortunately, I asked this to comedian Tammy Pescatelli, who thankfully, didn't put me in her act.

I rode along to pick up ghost hunter John Zaffis from the airport. We could tell it was him; he looked like he had seen a ghost.

The airport lost his luggage. I wanted to ask if a ghost could have stolen it, but instead I asked him what it was like growing up a Sicilian woman in Cleveland.

He did, however, tell us about his crazy profession, which included exorcisms, not to be confused with circumcisions (I'm not going to explain the difference).

So I got a little confused. But the bottom line is, I was hanging out with people who are on national television. The closest I ever got was starring in a furniture commercial.

I worked hard to ask insightful questions, full of meaning and quality, stuff like, "Did you know the letters in your name spell 'a ace smell my pitt? (Tammy Pescatelli)'"

Something that may shock many people is that famous people are normal people; they just get more attention.

For example, if Joe Student is putting ketchup on a hamburger, no one would care. But if Tammy Pescatelli is putting ketchup on a hamburger, 300 people would do the same thing.

That's the difference.

Now, I've had a large response to last week's column in regards to deodorant. The responses I got were "why do you want to know?," "none of your business" and "none."

I won't say who said what. If I did, everyone may stop wearing deodorant, I would die of asphyxiation, come back and haunt Southern and you would have to invite John Zaffis back to campus.

I wonder if he would remember me?

*David Haut, Managing Editor, writes a weekly humor column for* The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

# Area Halloween Haunts

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

**Josh Cogbill of Joplin wears a Michael Myers' mask from the Halloween movie series in the Gates of Hell spookhouse.**

### Joplin

**Gates of Hell**

**Time:** Open at dark through Sunday

**Location:** West on 32nd Street from Schifferdecker Avenue, travel almost a mile to Crane Drive, turn left on Crane Drive and go south for half of a mile.

**Price:** $8 per person

**Comments:** Parental discretion advised, not recommended for children under 7 years old.

**Death Trap**

**Time:** Open at 7 p.m. through Sunday

**Location:** Old warehouse on 10th and Main Streets.

**Price:** $8 per person

### Carthage

**The Fear Factory**

**Time:** Open at 7 p.m. through Sunday

**Location:** Two miles east of Carthage. Take first Carthage exit (Garrison Avenue) off Highway 71, go to roundabout and turn right (east) on Airport Drive, follow road 1.8 miles to County Lane 121.

**Price:** $5 per person

### Duenweg

**Hear the Fear Spook Trail**

**Time:** 8 p.m.-midnight through Sunday

**Location:** East Seventh Street in Duenweg behind the Taco Stop.

### Neosho

**Maize Time Cornfield Maze**

**Time:** 1-10 p.m. Friday and Sunday
9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday

**Location:** 11 miles northeast of Neosho on Raccoon Road, travel half of a mile, south of East Newton High School.

**Price:** $6 for adults, $3.50 for children ages 6-11 and $1.25 for children 5 and under.

### Webb City

**Wolfman's House of Screams.**

**Time:** Open at 7 p.m. through Sunday

**Location:** North on Highway 43, west on Highway 96, north on County Road 260 one fourth of a mile to King Lane, travel west on King Lane to spookhouse.

**Price:** $6 per person

### Picher, Okla.

**Something wicked**

**Time:** 8-midnight through Sunday

**Location:** In the old Picher auction barn on west A Street.

**Price:** $9 per person

**Comments:** no one under age 12 allowed

# Ghosthunter spooks campus with paranormal

**By David Haut**

Managing Editor

Adam Fast/The Chart

**John Zaffis, ghosthunter, lectured about his paranormal experiences and demonology Oct. 21.**

John Zaffis looks like a normal guy. He wears normal clothes; he has a day job and a family. But there is one thing that sets him apart from the norm — he hunts ghosts.

Zaffis made a visit to Missouri Southern Oct. 21. wearing a sweatshirt and jeans. His luggage was lost by an airline.

Zaffis had only the clothes on his back and his presentation materials.

He said he never lets his presentation leave his side.

His lecture focused on the paranormal and demonology.

Zaffis's lecture drew in a crowd that packed Cornell Auditorium. Students filled seats, aisles and even stood along the walls for a glimpse of Zaffis's paranormal images.

"We were blown away by the turnout," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "It's a little different then things we normally bring in. We didn't expect standing room only."

Growing up around prominent ghost hunters Ed and Loraine Warren, Zaffis became fascinated with ghosts at an early age.

He didn't always believe in ghosts, though.

"When I was 19 or 20, I decided I wanted to find out if this was real," Zaffis said.

More than 30 years later, Zaffis now believes in guardian angels, curses, hauntings, poltergeists, demonic possession and spirits.

During the two-hour lecture, Zaffis presented numerous slides depicting ghosts, spirits, hauntings, poltergeists and "spirit energy."

He also gave numerous examples of fraudulent photos and accounts.

One photo had an image said to be a ghost but it was actually a camera strap.

Other photos had small orbs, which Zaffis called "spirit energy."

He said spirit energy is what makes the form of a ghost appear.

Some students were a little freaked out.

"I won't lie; I feel a little uneasy," said Nathan Hulstine, sophomore special education major. "[I'm] not as much freaked out as much as I am interested."

"It's something to learn more about," said Amber Dalbey, junior education major. "It's amazing that that kind of stuff is out there."

A major part of Zaffis's presentation was about a haunting in Simsbury, Conn. that occurred when a family moved into a house, which was formerly a mortuary.

The ordeal inspired the movie *A Haunting in Connecticut*, which Zaffis stars in. The movie will reair on the Discovery Channel on Oct. 30.

Following the performance, Zaffis took a select number of students to the Spooklight. While some claim to have seen it, others remained skeptical.

"We see a light," said Jason Hare, junior Spanish major. "I'm like, 'it's a car.'"

Hare said a group of guys claimed to have "summoned" the spooklight with a series of flashing lights and car horns, but Hare said he was sure it was a car.

"I'm not saying there isn't a spooklight," Hare said. "There's a possibility it exists ,and I would like to see it, but that wasn't it."

Zaffis's current book *Shadows of the Dark* is currently on sale. He said he currently has several other books in production.

Zaffis and his staff operate the Paranormal and Demonology Research Society of New England.

Anyone interested in Zaffis may visit his website *www.prsne.com*.

# Area Events

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*Ray* and *Saw* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Kiss Tribute Band @ The Red Lion.

Slayer, Killswitch Engaged and Mastodon concert @ The Rockwell in Springfield.

*The Hollow* play @ 6 p.m. @ Stone's Throw Theatre in Carthage.

SMSU Symphony Halloween concert @ 7 p.m. @ SMSU in Springfield.

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Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Grave Rave 2 concert @ JB's Bar and Grill in Pittsburg.

Halloween concert featuring Fear Before the March of Flames, Scars of Tomorrow, Unworthy Eyes and While I Breathe @ 6:30-11 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Hadden Sayers concert @ The Kitchen Pass.

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HALLOWEEN

Movie Night @ 7:30 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Co.

Safe Halloween @ McCormick Hall.

Harvest Party @ 5-8 p.m. @ Christ's Community United Methodist Church.

Rjd2, Prince Po concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ The Blue Note in Columbia.

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Movie Night @ 7:30 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Co.

Karaoke @ 7-11 p.m. @ J-Town.

**2**

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor BSC.

Karaoke @ 7-11 p.m. @ J-Town Billiards.

**3**

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

TNT @ 7 p.m @ The Baptist Student Union.

Ministry, My Life and Thrill Kill Kult @ 8:30 p.m. @ The Blue Note in Columbia.

**4**

Jazz concert @ 7 p.m. @ Dioko Coffee Co.

MSSU Choir concert @ 7:30 p.m. @Taylor Auditorium.

## Weird News:

**Legislators resort to foodfight**

TAIWAN — They've fought with fists and paper and now Taiwan's rowdy lawmakers have had an old-fashioned food fight. Legislators began chucking takeout lunch boxes of rice, meat, hard-boiled eggs and vegetables at each other during a heated debate over whether the country should spend billions on weapons sold by the United States. The fight only lasted a few minutes but left the room a mess.

http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/weirdnews

**Singed cat takes out powerstation**

INDIANA — Curiosity killed the power, not the cat. A cat wandering into a Cinergy power station and touching two of the wrong wires at the same time left 2,516 customers without power for 91 minutes. The cat walked away with only a burned butt and some singed fur.

http://www.h-ponline.com/articles

# THINKING:

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evolving context and use synthesis to integrate your beliefs, attitudes, values and experiences with other conflicting facts or opinions.

You begin to interpret information with a spirit of originality. Problem solving is no longer an either-or debate. Frequently, with sincere open-mindedness, you will suspend judgment while considering multiple solutions to a particular dilemma.

Critical thinking is the range of thought used by researchers, writers and scientists who win Nobel and Pulitzer awards.

It is the thought process that put Neil Armstrong on the moon and the process that will eventually give us a much needed cure for cancer and other fatal diseases.

This is, most likely, the range of thought used by your parents as they helped you get to where you are today. It is the thought process you might want to utilize as you explore future career options, investigate graduate school or consider the idea of marriage.

Imagine yourself as the conductor of your mind. Reflective thought will require you to discipline and pilot four "sections" of mental attributes.

These "sections" are the knowledge, attitudes, skills and aspirations of critical thinking.

The challenge is to orchestrate your thoughts in a manner that permits you to regularly move into the high range of intensity.

Without question, if you take the time to walk that remarkable path that is all too often less traveled, you will prepare yourself for a lifetime that is enriched by the full potential of an inquiring mind.

And finally, as your intellectual energy transforms the fabric of your character, you will become an independent thinker.

# COSTUMES:

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countess and a barrage of other disguises. Jake's also offers Medusa, comb-over and fiber optic wigs. The store's other offerings include hooded capes, bleeding ghost faces, inflatable ladybugs, Tiki warriors, "Matrix" character coats and sunglasses and controversial costumes like Osama bin Laden masks. Jake's is also the only area Halloween store that has plus sizes.

Theresa Francis of Joplin is a new employee of the business, but said she enjoys the working environment.

"It's a lot of fun, it keeps you busy and it's pretty easy. I enjoy learning all the different kinds of costumes and seeing what the customers like" says Francis, "We can beat other people's prices and we have more of a selection to choose from."

Spooky Jake's is open through the end of October. The store opens at 9 a.m. and doesn't close until people stop coming. Jake's has already started marking down prices and is currently holding a sidewalk sale.

# MUSIC:

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Macomber, assistant professor of music. "It is a course that is similar to music appreciation in the core curriculum."

It differs from music appreciation in that the subject of the world music course is non-Western music.

Music appreciation deals mainly with classical music.

"We also intend to begin each semester with a study of indigenous music of the country that is the focus of the international semester," Macomber said. "For example, next semester, we'll begin with a study of rural Russian folk music and will follow that with study units devoted to Native American music, Western African music and classical music from India, Indonesia and Peking Opera."

From semester to semester, the study units will differ.

"If music appreciation can be considered a study of Western classical music from a historical perspective, then world music is more of a study of ethnomusicology," Macomber said.

Music 106 will meet at 9am Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and is worth three academic credits.

Macomber and Wise said that the course is a great addition to the core curriculum.

"We are delighted in the music department to offer this class," Macomber said.

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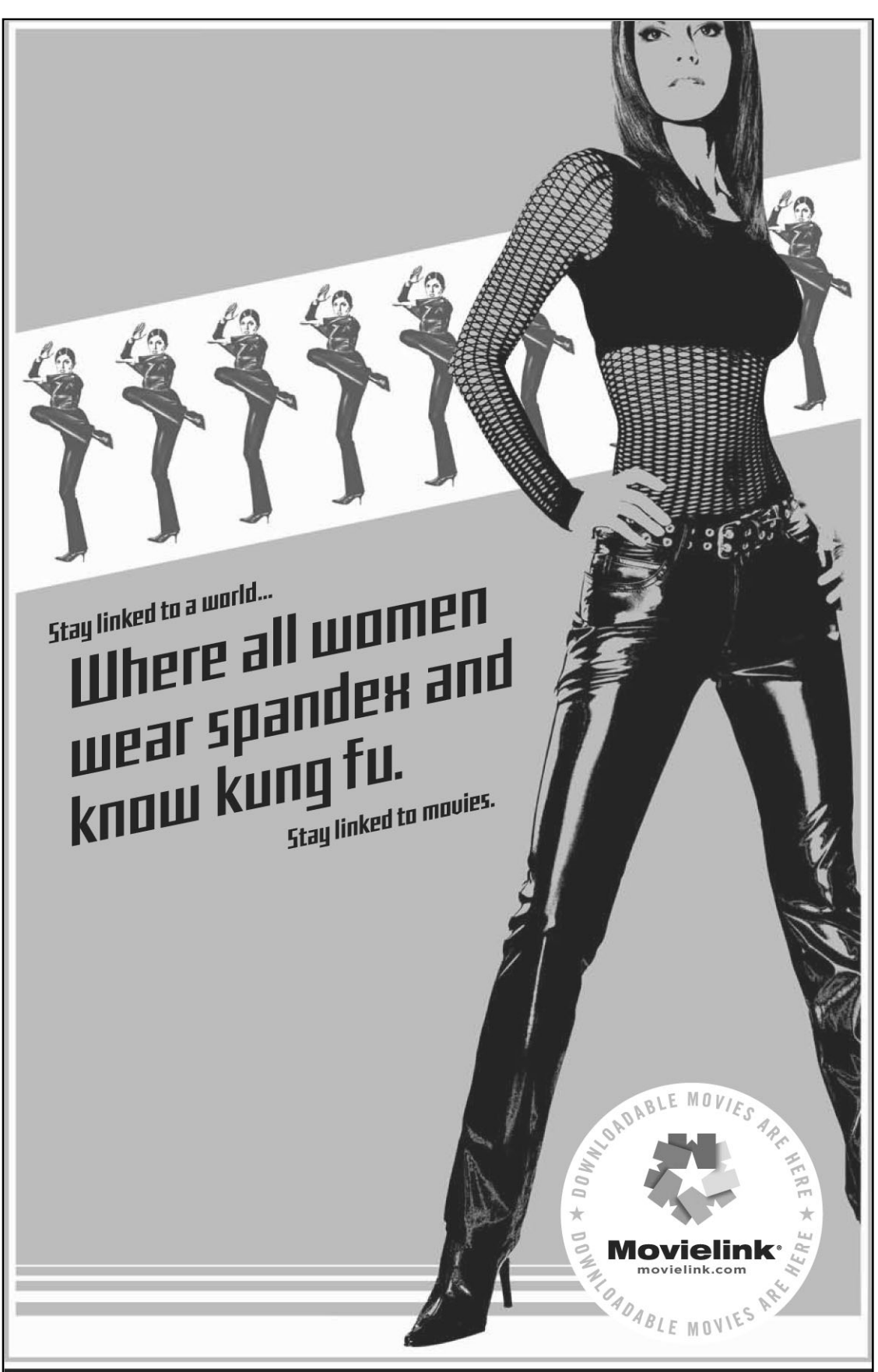
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# For the benefit of our readers, *The Chart* has provided the following information on the presidential candidates. Don't forget to cast your vote on Tuesday.

Source: http://www.issues2000.org

| | President George W. Bush | Senator John Kerry |
|---|---|---|
| Economy | *Investment and aid to states will help economy rebound. (Aug. 2003)<br>*Provides assistance to new small businesses. (Aug. 2003)<br>*Simplify tax code to stimulate economic growth. (April 1999) | *Kerry pledges 10 million new jobs & to slow outsourcing. (March 2004)<br>*Will follow Clinton's plan to halve deficit in four years. (Oct. 2003)<br>*Base policy on broad growth and progressive taxation. (Oct. 2003) |
| Civil Rights | *Education, housing, and hiring must be equal for all. (May 2004)<br>*Reach out to minorities, but without quotas. (June 1999)<br>*Bush calls for constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. (Feb. 2004) | *Supports affirmative action now and into the future. (March 2004)<br>*Personally believes marriage is between a man & a woman. (May 2004)<br>*Provide gays and lesbians with full coverage of civil rights. (June 1996) |
| Education | *"No Child Left Behind" increases accountability. (Aug. 2003)<br>*Improve education with local control, accountability. (Sept. 2000)<br>*$25B over 10 years for reading, Pell Grants, & charters. (Oct. 2000) | *Fully fund No Child Left Behind. (Oct. 2004)<br>*Vouchers drain resources from public schools. (Jan. 2004)<br>*Providing student loans for college kids is an ethical issue. (Oct. 1996) |
| Foreign Policy | *Foreign affairs is interpersonal leadership, not knowledge. (Aug. 2004)<br>*Full transition to democratic Iraq by Jan. 2005. (May 2004)<br>*Will keep sanctions against Cuba. (Aug. 2000) | *Preemptive strike must pass a global test. (Sept. 2004)<br>*America should lead by extending a hand, not a fist. (Aug. 2004)<br>*Supports multilateral cooperative internationalism. (Oct. 2003) |

## SPIRIT:

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sports, how are students to attend the games.

"Although we don't get a lot of support at home, it feels good to meet people in the Joplin community who are avid fans of the sports programs," she said.

The coaches at Southern differ with Jones.

They said the spirit at Southern is great and they are fortunate to get the support.

John Ware, head football coach, agrees.

"I have only been here for 10 months, but from what I have seen, the school's spirit has been a success," Ware said.

He said he has not really noticed the lack of school spirit.

"I think the school has done some great things to get the students involved," Ware said.

He said that one thing that may be hurting the spirit is the lack of fraternities and sororities.

"If we had more organizations on campus it would raise student awareness and support," Ware said.

He said the faculty; staff and student support is what gives the football team a home court advantage.

"The campus environment is very pro-active in supporting the athletes," Ware said.

He said he loves this area and appreciates the support as well as the student body.

Maryann Mitts, head women's basketball coach, said the overall attendance at the women's basketball games is outstanding as far as the Lionbackers' support.

"I think the student section could increase," she said. "We would like a more energetic group of students to add to the already stable and consistent Lionbackers."

Mitts said she knows that everyone is trying to increase spirit, but the effort should increase.

"I think there is great support between athletes and I would like this to be shared with the student body," she said.

Mitts said she hopes that students see the athletic events as a time to have fun and be entertained as well as entertain.

Robert Corn, head men's basketball coach, said the school spirit depends on the product.

"If the athletes are producing a good product then the school supports better," he said

Corn said the athletic programs on campus are doing well so in return the school has an increased spirit.

"We want the students to have the attitude in which they want to know when the next game is so they can attend," he said.

Corn said having fun at the games and cheering is apart of the college experience and students should enjoy while they can.

"We appreciate the support from the students and hope it will continue," he said.

## CLAUSE:

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saying is that the potential exists — that you don't even have to be gay; they just have to look gay or sound gay, and somebody who is of the persuasion that they don't like gay people, if they got into a key position within some office here, they would have opportunity to discriminate."

Torres said they are not asking for any special rights.

"A lot of conservatives will say, 'Well these are special rights that we're trying to give to the homosexual agenda,'" he said. "And to be honest it's not special rights; it's equal rights."

Hare drafted a petitionary resolution to the Senate and has had several faculty members and numerous students sign it, including two senators.

Hare said having faculty and student signatures should make the proposal a little "weightier."

"We're bringing it up again because we figure this is something that's important," he said. "And it's something that really has just been relegated to a status of, 'we may deal with it in the future, but we don't have to deal with it right now.'"

Hare said if the proposal is shot down again, it will just be brought back again.

"If it's not me, it'll be somebody," he said. "This question will not end."

"We want to follow what is happening across the United States," Torres said. "This is something that's going to happen. So whether MSSU wants to be in the forefront or whether they want to be one of the last to join this — that's the good question."

## BOARD:

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Upgrading Hughes Stadium was also discussed at the meeting.

Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, said completing the east stands up to the current railing and removing the remainder of the supports would cost about $228,000, and the cost would be $400,000 to complete the stands to the top of the supports.

Sky boxes were considered for the stands; the boxes would be an additional $537,000 on top of the $228,000 for the completed bleachers.

This figure is for basic boxes, such as the current press box above the west stands.

The Board decided to form a committee to address the issue.

"Everybody seems to have a different idea of what we should do about the stadium," Douglas said. "My purpose in bringing it up was to stimulate this kind of discussion."

Other matters discussed at the meeting:

• Rob Yust, University treasurer, said Southern is in the process of looking to refinance the University's bonds.

• Agee said the pipes along the south side of the campus are a city sewer line project.

She said Southern and the City of Joplin have agreed to create a natural bridge in the area to provide students with a footpath to Northpark Mall and Northstar 14 Theaters.

The city will create the bridge and the University will provide lighting.

• Faculty liaison Dr. Vickie Roettger said the Faculty Senate recently discussed what it means to be a university, other than graduate programs.

Roettger also said she attended a statewide Faculty Senate convention and she discovered Southern saved the most money out of the other institutions with its new insurance providers.

• León said the Coordinating Board for Higher Education has narrowed its list of candidates for chairman down to two. He said it may be a while before any decision is made though.

• Dr. Richard McCallum, vice president for academic affairs, reported further progress with the graduate programs.

He said a masters in nursing program in conjunction with the University of Missouri-Kansas City may begin as early as summer 2005.

McCallum said a memorandum of understanding with Southwest Missouri State University for a masters of arts in teaching is awaiting both universities' presidents' approval.

He also said the next four courses for the current masters program with Northwest Missouri State University will begin in the spring.

He said feedback he has received said the students in the program are absolutely delighted with it.

• David Ansley, Governor, said he would like to establish a relationship with Troy University because of its international mission.

The Board will bring itself up-to-date on Southern's international mission before the next meeting.

"I think we'll become the envy of many a school if we continue to encourage [the international mission]," Ansley said.

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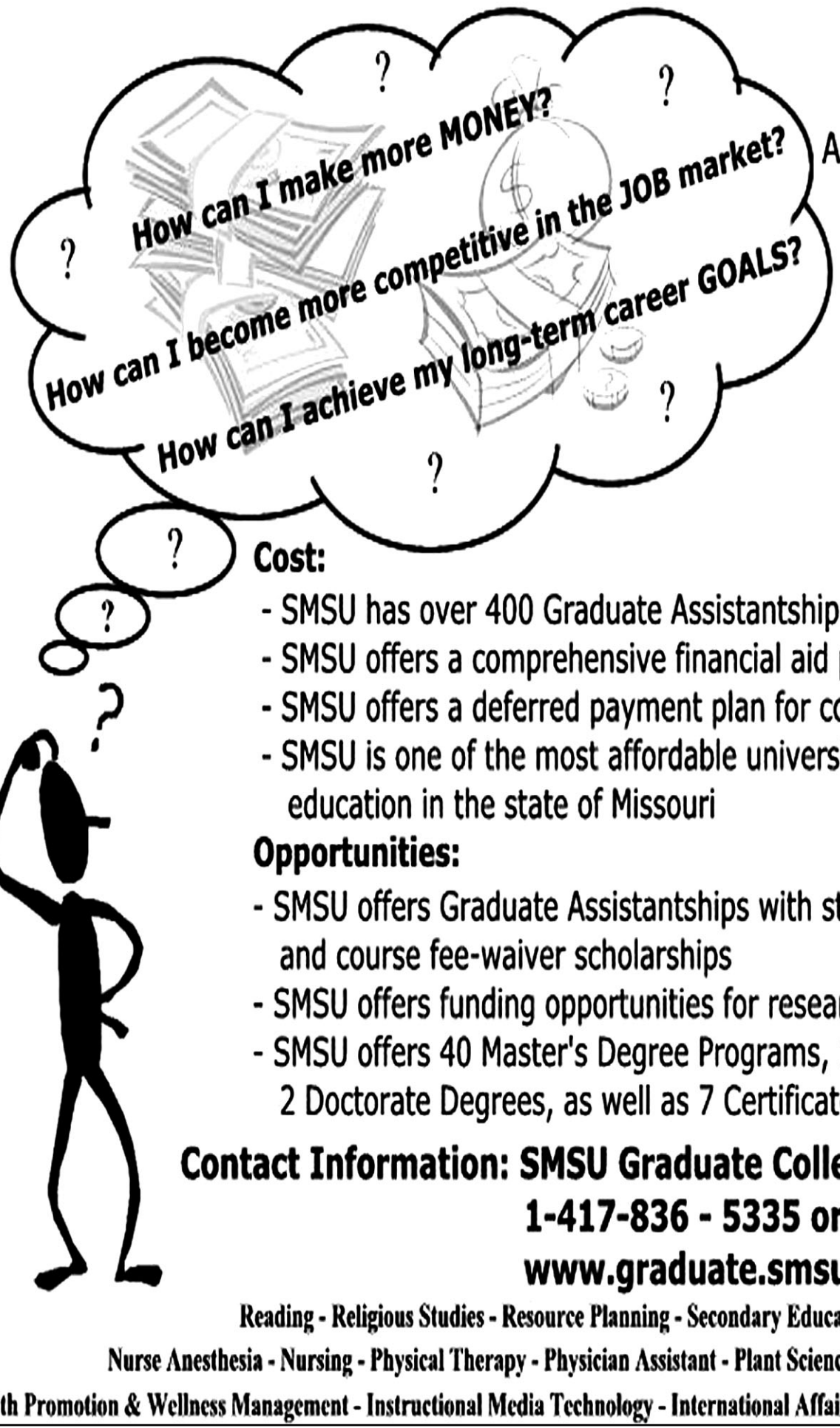


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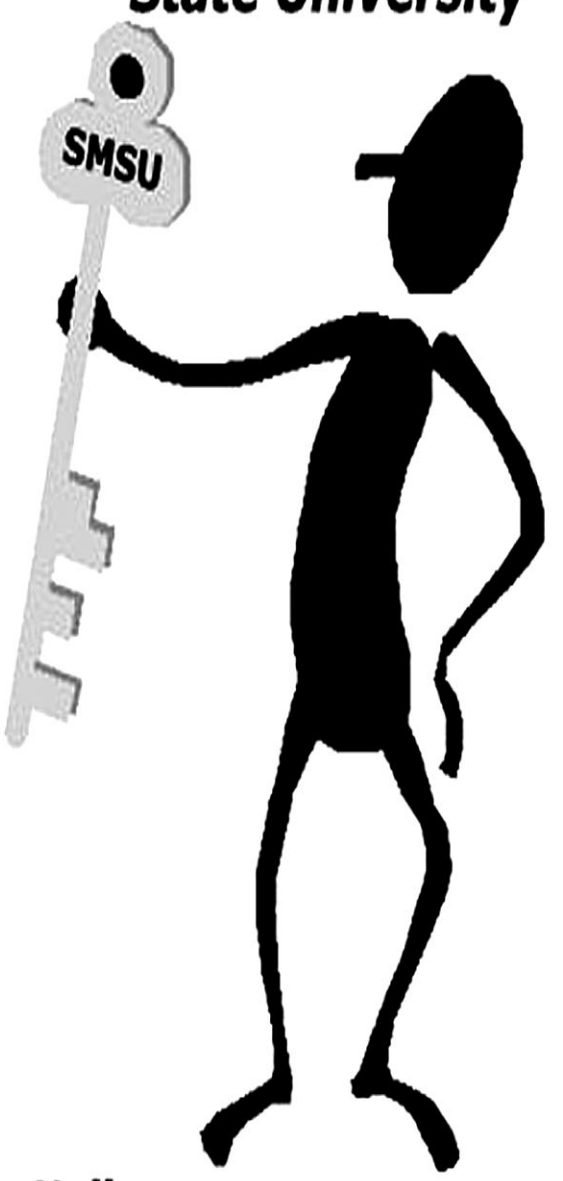


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# REVIVAL:

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In order to bring the Church into the eyes of Russia's citizens as a positive institution, it has set up soup kitchens, homes for the needy and other charitable works.

In August 2003, the Church declared a day of charity in hopes to bring people back to doing good deeds for others. It has become active in helping war victims. People have started to wear crosses visibly and proudly declare themselves of the Orthodox religion, she said.

But, people are still not going to church. Seven percent of those who do claim themselves as Orthodox go to church. Many of them do not know Orthodox doctrines, she said.

"Change has been slow and many have resisted," she said.

Religion classes have been thought about. An after school elective class, if proven successful, would prompt authorities to build an Orthodox high school.

Several universities, seminaries, monasteries and women's institute are dedicated to teaching the religion. The Church has been active in publishing books on theological history and doctrines.

"The Orthodox Church in Russia is experiencing a renaissance in the post-communist era," she said.

Religious authorities have to be careful as to not seem as a mouthpiece for the government, she said. The Church is on its way to becoming reestablished in the 21st century. Russia has more nuns than monks at the present time and many young people are going into monasteries.

"People view the monasteries as being pure," she said. If you grow up in a religious atmosphere, it's not surprising people would join that way of life. It's a very honorable way to live.

"Now there is true freedom of religion," she said. "The churches are open."

Adam Fast/The Chart

**Dr. Jeffrey Macomber and Dr. Cynthia Hukill, assistant professors of music, practice for the faculty recital held Oct. 26 in Webster Hall auditorium.**

# Emert breaks another passing record

**By Jacob W. Brower**
Staff Writer

Freshman quarterback Nathan Emert broke one more Missouri Southern passing record during the Lions' 26-22 win over Southwest Baptist University Oct. 23, throwing for 2,726 yards on the season with two games to spare.

His 256-yard game moved him past Matt Cook, whose 2,637-yard passing record has stood for 13 years. He also moved into eighth place in career passing yards and is only 35 completions shy of 10th place in career pass completions in only nine career games.

"It's very rare for a true freshman starting in college football, let alone excelling the way he has been," said John Ware, head football coach. "We had to start him out of necessity, and he's shown that he is more than up to the challenge."

Southern offensive coordinator Keeth Matheny said Emert's grasp of the offense has led to his success in the Lions' system. He ran a similar offense at Shiloh Christian High School in Springdale before joining Southern this year.

"He's done a tremendous job for us," Matheny said. "Nathan is extremely poised for any quarterback, let alone a freshman. This record and this season is only the beginning for this young offense. There are many more accolades and accomplishments ahead, but this is a nice start."

This is the fifth school passing record Emert has broken this season. During the Lions' Oct. 9 loss to No. 3 Northwest Missouri State University, Emert broke Josh Chapman's 2002 record for single-season pass completions, which currently stands at 252. He also set records during the game for most passing yards in a game (419), most past completions in a game (35) and most pass attempts in a game (55).

Emert said he credits the record to his offensive teammates.

"I haven't really thought about it (the record)," Emert said. "It might sound corny, but it's all about the team. If I didn't have great receivers to throw to and a great offensive line, I wouldn't be able to do anything."

## Single-Season Passing Yards

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|---|---|
| 1. Nathan Emert, 2004 | 2,726 |
| 2. Matt Cook, 1991 | 2,637 |
| 3. Matt Cook, 1993 | 2,491 |
| 4. Josh Chapman, 2002 | 2,398 |
| 5. Alan Brown, 1988 | 2,373 |

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**Senior Jackie Gallagher, outside hitter, stops an attempted kill from Emporia State University. Gallagher herself finished with 25 kills. The Lions won the match against ESU in front of their parents on Senior Night 3-2.**

# Team shows perseverance

**By T.J. Gerlach**
Editor-in-Chief

Seniors Jackie Gallagher and Sara Jaynes were honored as their parents watched from the stands at the Oct. 22 Lions Volleyball match.

The Lions took on the Emporia State University Hornets and won the match 3-2.

Gallagher and Jaynes, outside hitters, both said it was "great" to win the senior night match in front of their parents.

"I was very proud of us because we finished [well]," Gallagher said.

Chris Willis, head volleyball coach, said the Lions played with heart and perseverance.

"I think that kind of sums it all up," Willis said. "I feel like our kids were able to bounce back."

He said he thought the Lions played "awful" in the first game of the match, which the Lions lost 30-26.

"For us to bounce back like that, it just shows a reflection of character," Willis said.

He said he was proud of the seniors' leadership in the match.

Gallagher said she thought Ashley Wright, freshman middle/right-side hitter, stepped up in the last three games of the night.

"We needed her to," Gallagher said.

Ashley Wright earned 14 kills and 15 points.

Gallagher led the team with 25 kills and 27 points, and Jaynes was second with 15 kills and 18 points.

Ashley Mehrer also had 15 points with just 12 kills.

Willis said ESU was ranked sixth in the region coming into the match.

The Central Missouri State University Jennies came to Young Gymnasium Oct. 23. CMSU swept Southern 3-0 in the match.

"I think we were a little tired today after yesterday's match," Jaynes said.

"I thought CMSU played exceptional today," Willis said.

Both Willis and Jaynes said the Lions had trouble shutting down CMSU's middle and right-side hitters.

"I was proud that our kids never gave up," Willis said. "They're playing at a high level, and that's where we need to be at."

He said many teams would rollover after losing the first two games, but the Lions stayed in the game all the way through.

Sarah Hoffmeister, freshman outside hitter, was out much of the match with a minor back injury, Willis said.

Jessi Wright, freshman middle/right-side hitter, played in Hoffmeister's place.

Willis said he thought Jessi Wright did a great job settling in.

"I think she's going to be a force in the conference," he said.

Jessi Wright earned six kills and six points in her appearance. Jaynes led the team in kills with 11 and earned 12.5 points. Gallagher led in points with 13, having 10 kills. Mehrer had 10 kills as well and 12.5 points.

Missouri Western State College also came to Southern last week.

Southern defeated MWSC 3-1.

After the Oct. 27 match, the Lion's record is 14-14 overall and 6-7 in the MIAA.

Friday the Lions travel to Kirksville to take on Truman State University.

Saturday they head to Maryville to play Northwest Missouri State University, and Tuesday they play Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

**Amy Barnicle bumps one to her teammates during the Oct. 22 game.**

# Cross country teams prepare for regionals

**By T.J. Gerlach**
Editor-in-Chief

Maryville was the setting for the MIAA Cross Country Champ-Championships.

Missouri Southern's men's cross country team finished in fourth place though seniors Paul Koehler and Craig Rhoads finished in first and second, respectively.

"We don't make excuses," said Tom Rutledge, head men's coach.

He said sophomore Dustin Miller had tonsillitis, but still tried to run.

"He's usually a good, strong fourth man, which would have definitely pushed us to second place, but he just did not have a good day," Rutledge said.

He said the freshmen on the team are young and were not able to push up.

"We still feel like we're one of the best teams in the conference," Rutledge said. "And we have one more chance to prove that."

The women's cross country team finished third overall. Senior Ashley Caffey and juniors Megan Russell and Erin Click finished third, fourth and fifth individually.

Patty Vavra, women's head coach, said the women came up short of where they had hoped to be.

"It's very rare to do that (finish third through fifth) and not win a conference championship," Vavra said.

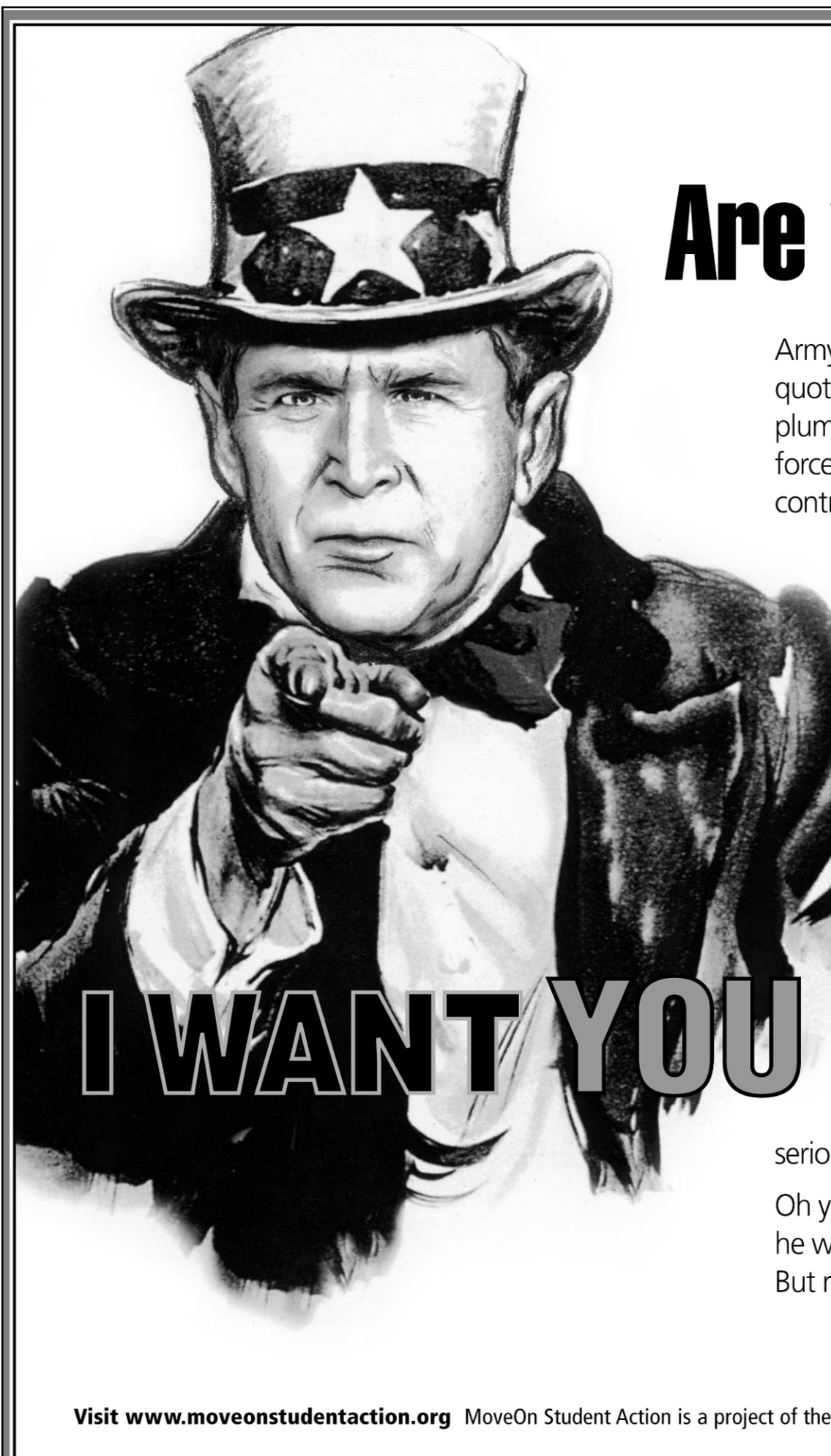
She said only 11 points separated the No. 1 team from the No. 4 team.

Both Rutledge and Vavra said improving the positions of the last few runners is important for their teams.

"Our goal right now is to move that fourth and fifth runner up before the regional championship," Vavra said.

Both teams will compete in the NCAA Div. II South Central Regional, which will be held Nov. 6 at Southern's cross country course.

Rutledge said the meet will be the ultimate test, and Vavra said there are a lot of high stakes for the meet.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# Football team takes victory on the road

By Jacob W. Brower
Staff Writer

BOLIVAR — It took the biggest comeback by Missouri Southern since 1993 to get it done, but the Lions collected their fifth win of the season against Southwest Baptist University on Oct. 23 by the score of 26-22.

The Lions trailed 22-0 with 17 seconds left in the first half before sophomore running back Wentric Williams scored from three yards out to give Southern its first points of the game. The Lions shut out SBU in the second half and rattled off 20 more unanswered points to give the team a four-point win.

"We expected that Southwest Baptist would give us a tough game," Southern head coach John Ware said. "We didn't expect to be down 22-0, but our guys played hard in the second half to get us the win. It wasn't pretty, but I'll take an ugly win over a beautiful loss any day."

The game saw the Lions commit six turnovers. Three of the turnovers were interceptions thrown by freshman quarterback Nathan Emert, one was an interception on a trick pass from wide receiver Tedaryl Mason and Emert and wide receiver DeMarcus Mathes each committed a fumble.

"I think the fact that we committed six turnovers and still won the game is amazing in and of itself," Ware said. "These guys don't quit."

The Lions are now 4-3 in the MIAA and 5-4 overall. They are now in a three-way tie with Central Missouri State and Washburn University for third in the conference.

The Lions racked up 365 yards of total offense and held SBU to 347 yards, and Southern had 23 first downs to SBU's 14.

Emert completed more than 61 percent of his passes for 256 yards and a touchdown, adding 20 rushing yards on eight carries, while Williams rushed for 81 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries. Freshman wide receiver Otis Taylor led the Lions with eight catches for 93 yards and senior wideout DeMarcus Mathes had five snags for 55 yards.

Other Lions with receptions include junior receiver Dustin Bromley (five catches for 38 yards), Mason (two for 14), sophomore wide receiver Aaron McNealy (two for 12), Williams (two for 8), freshman receiver Colin Bado (one for 26 and a touchdown) and senior running back Nate Proctor (one 10-yard catch).

Bado also had a 19-yard touchdown run the fourth quarter.

Linebacker Atiba Bradley and safety Blake Martin shared the team lead in tackles with nine each, and Martin had a forced fumble and Bradley recovered a fumble. Defensive tackle Bobby Odior picked off a pass by SBU quarterback Robert Clardy and returned it 24 yards, while defensive tackle Kyle Mayden recorded a sack for a three-yard loss. Sophomore cornerback Moses Manga recorded two tackles for losses.

The Lions continue their road trip on Saturday against Emporia State University, before finishing their season the following week at home against WU.

# Men's soccer earns win, loss on road

By T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

Dropping one and winning the second, Missouri Southern's men soccer team played two games on the road last weekend.

The Lions travel to Canyon. Texas Oct. 22 and took on West Texas A&M University. WTAMU handed Southern a 2-0 loss.

"They're a good team," said J.P. West, junior midfielder.

West said it was a touch place to play.

Kiley Cirillo, head men's soccer coach, agreed.

"The conditions were tough," Cirillo said. "It was really windy. We were on turf, which was a new atmosphere for us. They're used to their turf, so that was an advantage to them."

Both of WTAMU's goals came in the first half of the game, and the Buffalo had 23 shots total in the game, with only nine on goal.

The Lions had 7 shots and had five on net.

"It's kind of one of those things where you look at it, and you go 'OK, we're getting better quality opportunities on frame … we're just not finishing,'" Cirillo said.

He said the two goals were the result of some hesitation on the Lions part and were not anything spectacular.

On Oct. 23, the men headed farther west to Portales, N.M. to play Eastern New Mexico University.

The first half ended with no score, but ENMU scored in the 51st minute of the game. West tied the game off a penalty kick in the 71st minute.

Southern also scored another goal in regulation, however it was called back for an offsides foul. Regulation time ended in a 1-1 tie, but not before two Lions and one Greyhound were ejected. The two Lions that were red carded were Adam Skiermont, senior forward, and Patrick Kelley, sophomore defender.

"It was a rougher match," Cirillo said. "I didn't feel the referee did a good job as far as keeping the game in control."

Despite being a man down to the Greyhounds, the Lions still came out with the win when ENMU scored an own goal on itself in the 103rd minute.

"I don't think that it was an own goal," Cirillo said. "Seamus O'Donnell actually poked it in."

He said the defender made a mistake and headed the ball to the goalkeeper so the keeper could pick it up. The keeper, however, came out from the goal and the ball slipped by. Cirillo said O'Donnell, senior forward, got a foot on it at that time.

West thought the Lions played a lot better the second game.

"I felt like we should have won in regulation," West said.

The Lions' record is now 2-13-2 and 1-10-1 in the Southwest Soccer Conference.

Their last games are at home. Friday, Midwestern (Texas) State University comes to Bodon Field to take on the Lions at 7 p.m., and Sunday St. Edwards University comes to Southern to take on the Lions. Kick-off will be at 1 p.m.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

**Senior forward Tera Reisner works the ball down the field during the Oct. 24 game against Emporia State University. The Lions won the game 2-1.**

# Team faces 'tough' home games to end season

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**Freshman forward Lauren Kurelac takes control of the ball during the Oct. 24 game.**

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One on the road and one at home were added to the Missouri Southern Women's soccer team's win column last weekend.

On Oct. 22, the Lions traveled to Warrensburg and defeated the Central Missouri State University Jennies 3-1.

"I think [the game against CMSU] was one of our best group efforts this season," said Erin Gfeller, freshman midfielder.

Trevor Wachsman, head women's soccer coach, said the team played really well against CMSU.

Erin Whelan, freshman midfielder/forward, scored the first goal in the fourth minute, assisted by Tera Reisner, senior forward, and a second assist by Sarah Sneed, senior midfielder.

CMSU tied the game in the 21st minute, but Reisner put the Lions back ahead with an unassisted goal in the 33rd minute. Lauren Kurelac, freshman forward, topped off the score with an unassisted goal in the 54th minute.

"We've had a great group effort," Wachsman said.

He said the team has several minor injuries, but everyone has played hard.

Whelan and Reisner both scored again during the Oct. 24 game against Emporia State University played at Bodon Field.

Their goals gave the Lions the 2-1 victory over the Hornets, with some help from senior goalkeeper Alese Woolard.

Whelan scored only 33 seconds into the game. Reisner's goal came in the 32nd minute off an assist from Kurelac.

"Tera always works really hard up front for us," Gfeller said.

Woolard stopped a well-placed shot by pushing it over the crossbar in the final 15 seconds of the game.

Gfeller and Wachsman both said Woolard's save was great.

"Overall it was a good team effort for us," Gfeller said.

Southern traveled to Maryville Oct. 27. The Lions lost to the Northwest Missouri State University 2-1.

Gfeller scored Southern's only goal in the 64th minute, unassisted.

The Lions have three games remaining in the regular season, all of which take place at Bodon Field.

The next game will be Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. when the Lions take on Southwest Baptist University. Rockhurst University comes to play the Lions Nov. 5 at 5 p.m. The final home game in the regular season will be against Central Missouri State at 2p.m.

Both Gfeller and Wachsman said the final games will all be tough for the team.

# Basketball season opens with exhibition games set at home

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Both the men's and women's basketball teams will rely on team unity and hard work as they look for success in the MIAA conference tournament heading into the 2004-2005 season.

Maryann Mitts, head women's basketball coach, said expectations are high for this season considering last season's 19-9 record. The women missed their chance to play in the NCAA tournament by one place when they finished ninth in the region. They also finished fifth in the MIAA conference last season.

Mitts said the Lions' MIAA is strong and competitive from top to bottom. However, one of the team's goals this season is to make it to the NCAA tournament.

"Finishing in the top three in our conference would allow us to earn a berth into the NCAA tournament," Mitts said.

As far as changes from last season are considered, Mitts said talent has improved in some key positions. Due to the athleticism of the group this year, the Lions can set the tempo of the game on the defensive end with a press team defense.

Andrea Gossard, sophomore point guard, agreed.

"We have a very athletic team and a lot of ability to run on teams and overpower them," Gossard said.

The Lions won't only use physical strength, but also team unity.

"We have a good cohesive group this year," Mitts said. "They get along better than any other team I've coached in the last 10 years."

Mitts said unity is important and helps the players trust each other and pull through as a team. She hopes the team's unity will have huge benefits as the season progresses.

Coach Mitts expects the women to play with an "immense amount of intensity and competitiveness." Her coaching philosophy is if they play disciplined ball and out-hustle their opponents, good things will happen.

"Winning will take care of itself," she said. "Overall they plan to play with a lot of passion and love for the game."

Likewise, men's head basketball coach, Robert Corn, said the men work well together because they are unselfish. Due to this, he said they are able to reverse the ball and get it to a player in a scoring opportunity.

However, Corn said whether they win or lose depends on what kind of defense they play. He said the Lions' goals were to improve day to day and become the best team they possibly can. Corn wants to improve from last season's 14-14 record and do well in the conference tournament.

Senior shooting guard, Hiram Ocasio, said one of the team's goals this season is to win the MIAA championship. To do this he said the team will have to work together and be like family.

"We're not content with just making the conference tournament," Corn said.

He said the Lions have won a couple championships in the past, and have been beaten three straight years in the semifinals. However, he said when the team is there, they are there to play and have a chance to win the championship.

In preparation for the 2004 to 2005 basketball season, the Lions spent time in strength and conditioning as well as working on their personal skills in pickup games.

Both Mitts and Corn said Coach Mike Lawrence is doing a great job with the athletes in the strength and conditioning program.

"Off season conditioning is excellent," said Amy Adkison, senior power forward. "It prepares us for the physical part, then once the season starts we can just focus on basketball."

Both Lions teams will begin with home exhibition games this week.

The women will meet the Oklahoma Flyers at 7 p.m. Friday in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

The men will face Universidad de las Americás from Santiago, Chile at 7 p.m. Thursday in Leggett & Platt.

Coach Mitts and Coach Corn both said they want students to come out and support the basketball teams.

"The fans are definitely a big part of the success," Corn said. "They've made a difference in the outcome of our games in the past."